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Health Department Launches Phone Survey of Wood Stove Owners

The Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department will begin a telephone survey this week in an effort to learn more about the number, type, and age of wood stoves being used in the county.

Information gleaned from the survey will help the health department take appropriate action in the future when air pollution levels exceed federal standards. It also will inform the department's efforts to educate wood-stove and fireplace users on appropriate use of their solid-fuel burning devices.

The survey is being conducted by a private company from Washington state. The company plans to ask about a dozen questions of residents of about 200 homes that have solid-fuel burning devices. The survey is expected to take about 10 minutes.

For more information, contact the Environmental Services Division of the Health Department at 447-8351.